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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA: AGENDA ITEMS 66 AND 67: ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. SUMMARY: SECOND COMMITTEE ON 14 OCTOBER BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA ITEMS ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, HEARING INTRODUCTIONS OF BOTH ITEMS, ROUTINE STATEMENT BY THE UKRINE, AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND A TOUGH STATEMENT BY CHINA CASTIGATING THE SUPER POWERS BUT PRIMARILY USSR. US DEL LEARNED G-77 WOULD LIKELY INTRODUCE AT LEAST ONE RESOLUTION BUT THAT DRAFTING HAD YET TO COMMENCE. THIRTY SPEAKERS INSCRIBED FOR SECOND DAY OF DEBATE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DEPUTY USYG MOSAK INTRODUCED A SECRETARIAT REPORT ON ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (A/10094). UNDP ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR DEIL INTRODUCED THE REPORTS ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON THIS LATTER ITEM ARE TWO REPORTS OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL (E/5646) AND E/5703), THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (A/10003), AND REPORTS OF THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR (DP/117 AND ADD. 1-6 AND UNCLASSIFIED

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DP/120).

3. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

MOSAK SAID EFFORTS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD GAINED MOMENTUM BECAUSE OF THREE LANDMARK DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NIEO AND CERDS.

4. THE REPORT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, PROVIDED AN IDEA OF THE WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE UN SYSTEM TO ASSIST COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES. IT DESCRIBED, THE PREPARATION OF RELEVANT STUDIES AND REPORTS AND, AS FIELD TASKS, THE PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

5. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION (TCDC). DELL SAID THAT THERE WAS NOW NO MORE IMPORTANT TASK CONFRONTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNDP THAN THE PROMOTION OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE RECALLED THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR HAD PROPOSED IN HIS REPORT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN JUNE THAT THE PURPOSE OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION WAS THE PROMOTION OF SELF-RELIANCE IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND POLICIES.

6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TCDC HE SAID THE UNDP HAD ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL CO-ORDINATING UNIT BETWEEN THE ENTIRE STAFF RESOURCES OF THE UNDP AT HEADQUARTERS AND IN THE FIELD.

7. CONTINUING, DELL SAID THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE NOT YET IN THE POSITION WHERE ALL THE NEEDS OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION COULD BE SUPPLIED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY SOURCES ALONE. NEVERTHELESS, THE ADMINISTRATOR WAS CONCERNED THAT THE RESOURCES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE (SUCH THINGS AS LDC-SOURCE EXPERTS, EQUIPMENT, CONSULTING FIRMS ETC). WERE NOT BEING ADEQUATELY UTILIZED IN THE PROGRAMME. THE ADMINISTRATOR HAD THEREFORE ASKED

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THE AGENCIES, THROUGH THE INTERAGENCY PROGRAMME WORKING GROUP OF THE UNDP TO CONSIDER WAYS OF USING MORE EFFECTIVELY THE CAPACITIES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO SUPPLY ONE ANOTHER'S NEEDS FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION.

8. IT WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE UNDP'S RESPONSIBILITY, HE SAID, TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SITUATIONS WHERE THE EXPERIENCE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS USEFUL, SO

AS TO ENCOURAGE A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FLOW OF TECHNIQUES AND IDEAS AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE SPECIAL UNIT HE SAID, HAD GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY OVER THE PAST YEAR TO TO DEVELOPMENT OF AN INFORMATION SYSTEM, AIMED AT DECISIVELY IMPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON USEFUL SPECIFIC FEATURES OF THE EXPERIENCE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SUCH AS IN PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL OR AGRICULTURAL GROWTH.

9. OTHER STATEMENTS. UKRAINE SSR SAID THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WAS POINTED OUT IN THE CERDS

AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION SHOULD LEAD THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO A UNIFIED, ANTI-IMPERIALIST FRONT, STRENGTHEN THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND STRENGTHEN THEIR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

10. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY SAID THEIR TRADE POLICIES HAD ALWAYS BEEN AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE TRADE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNDER ITS BILATERAL ASSISTANCE, THE FRG SOUGHT TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION BY SUPPORTING REGIONAL PROJECTS. CONCERNING TCDC HE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS ISSUE AND HAD STATED IT POSITION IN DETAIL IN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNDP.

11. CHINA (CHANG HSIEN-WU) NOTED THAT ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD GIVEN THEM VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN THEIR UNITED STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALIST FORCES. ALSO, THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAD DEVELOPED THEIR MILITANT UNITY AND THEIR CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND WERE NOW USING THEIR RAW MATERIALS AS A WEAPON IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM. IN HIS VIEW, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, HE ADDED, ALSO CREATED FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR DEALING WITH SECOND WORLD COUNTRIES, WHICH WERE ALSO STEPPING UP THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND INTERFERENCE IN THEIR NATIONAL AFFAIRS. ONE SUPER POWER WAS SPREADING DISSENSION AND TRYING TO DIVIDE THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, WHILE DISGUIISING ITS MOTIVES AS NEGOTIATIONS AND AID. ANOTHER SUPER POWER WAS "PEDDLING THE JUNK OF DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT" IN ATTEMPT TO DIVERT COUNTRIES FROM

THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM. THE CHINESE DELEGATE
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